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WOOD GAS .- CAUTION-

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant, C. Mason, Commissioner of Patents. W. P. McConarli, Esq., Care of Prof. C. G. Page, Washington, D. C.

"I do not claim as my invention and discovery

the improvements in making gas from wood, viz: subjecting the products of destructive distillation therefrom to a high degree of heat, substantially as has been described and for the purposes set forth in the specification of W. P. McConnell."

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Sarract from Specification of W. D. Porter of schick letters patent were issued August 22, 1854.
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CLAIM.—What I claim as my invention and estire to secure by letters patent is:

"The construction of a gas apparatus or still, consisting of a metallic or other cylinder B, the cones E and D, diaphram plate C, and exit pipe F, substantially as described in the foregoing specification, and shown in the accompanying draw-

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In doing so, it is proper I should make known the principles it will maintain, and the policy it will advocate.

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WOOD GAS.—CAUTION
BE it known that I, the subscriber obtained letters patent in December, 1851, for
an apparatus for the destructive distillation of
wood, and the making therefrom of tar or pitch at
pleasure, and gas; and that in the judgment of
compatent persons the invention of an appartus recently patented by W. D. Porter cannot be
used by him or any other person without infringing my said patent. And, further, that what is
patiented by said Porter rightfully belongs to me,
as I expect to prove ere long before the United
States Patent Office; and, further, that the use of
said Porter's invention involves also a process
which I am now claiming before the United States
Patent Office, and which has been adjudged to be
patentable to the first inventor thereof, and which
said W.D. Porter has formally disclaimed, as appears upon the public records of said office, of
which an official copy is hereto annexed, and also
a copy of his claims.

In the National Intelligences of the 25th instant
Mr. Porter announces that he has secured by
patent the "exclusive right to making gas from
wood," and threatens presecution to all parties
infringing his patent. I ask how this statement
comports with the fact of my patent of December,
1851, and how far the threat can intimidate under
such circumstances? Mr. Porter's claim is based
upon a movable perforated diaphragm, and was
so understood by the Patent Office, as it appears
from the records of the Patent Office that his
claim was at first refused as interfering with a
prior patent to Robert Foulis, of Canada, for an
equivalent contrivance. This claim, as given below, and in which the perforated diaphragm is the
saving clause, is what Mr. Porter calls securing
the "exclusive right to making gas from wood."
The statement carries absurdity on its front, and
is a libel on the good sense of the Patent Office
If such a claim or right had been granted, it would
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in the country. whatever quarter they may come. It will seek to be (and it will endeavor to deserve the title) the organ of the Democratic party of the United States. The Sentines, will maintain, as a fundamental truth of that great party, that the States formed the Union between them by the ratification of the Constitution as a compact; by which, also, they created the Federal Government and delegated to t, as their common agent, the powers expressly specified in it, with an explicit reservation of all others to the States, or to their separate governments. The exercise of any powers beyond these thus delegated, is, therefore, an usurpation of the thus delegated, is, therefore, an usurpation of the reserved authority of the States by the scent of

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UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE,

August 25, 1854.

Sir. In reply to your letter of this date, asking
"if any patent has been granted to W. D. Porter,
dated 22d August, 1854, or at any other time, or
to any other person or persons, securing to him
or them "the exclusive right of making gas from
wood," and whether any such claim was made by
W. D. Porter, under his application for a patent,
which letters patent were issued bearing the
above date, you are informed that W. D. Porter's
claims are believed to be a nfined to his apparatus; and, further, this office is not aware that a
patent has been granted heretofore for the exclu-With regard to the exercise of the powers of the Federal Government, the SENTINEL will take as the rinciples of its action, that Congress shall exercise no power which has not been delegated by the Constitution, according to a strict and fair interpretation of its language and spirit; and that it shall us seek to attain indirectly an object through the exercise of constitutional power, for the direct attainment of which it has no delegation of power. In other words, all powers exercised must be clearly gra ted, and all granted powers must be used for no surpose, except such as is clearly in-tended by th Constitution.

In respect to the internal administration of the patent has been granted heretofore for the exclu-sive right of making gas from word. It would, however, be unjustifiable to expect me to make an extended investigation to answer your reent, the SENTINEL will sustain the settled policy of the Democratic party. It will labor to inculcate this cardinal doctrine of Democratic in ternal policy:—that this Government will best promote the freedom and prosperity of the people of the States, by being less ambitious to exercise power, and more anxious to preserve liberty; and by leaving to the individual States the management of all their domestic concerns—while it contents itself with guarding the confederacy from any department of the confederacy from the confede external violence, and directing the foreign policy of the country to the promotion of the common interests, and defence of the common rights, and honor of the States composing it.

Care of Prof. C. G. Page, Washington, D. C.

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This is to certify that the annexed is a true copy from the files of this office of an extract from a paper filed in the matter of the application of W. D. Porter for letters patent, in accordance with which application letters patent were issued to the said W. D. Porter on the 22d day of August, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

In testimony whereof, I. Charles Mason, Commissioner of Patents, have caused the seal of the Patent Office to be hereunto affixed [L. s.] this 25th day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and of the independence of the United States the seventy-ninth.

C. Mason. The Sentingle will advocate such a progressive foreign policy as will suit itself to the exigencies, and correspond with the expanding interests of the country. That policy should be energetic and decided; but should temper firmness with liberality, and make its highest ends consist with the strictest principles of justice. The real interests of the country, upon each occasion demanding attention will be its guide in the course the SENTINEL WI

Copy of disclaimer of W. D. Porter in his applica-tion for "an improved still for making wood gas," filed August 5, 1854. Letters patent issued

Our settled determination to repel interference from abroad with our domestic concerns, will prompt us to avoid it in the affairs of other coun tries, unless by their foreign or colonial policy ou peace should be threatened, our security endan gered, or our interests invaded. For when the gered, or our interests invaded. For when the selfish interests of other nations prompt a foreign for colonial policy which infringes upon our rights, and places in the pathway of our commerce a dangerous and unfriendly rival, such a policy must be resisted by remonstrance, and, if need be, by

Our foreign policy should, indeed, be defensive Our foreign policy should, indeed, be defensive, but to be properly defensive, it must sometimes be apparently aggressive. Our administration should be vigilant, watchful, and energetic. The world is full of important movements, commercial and political, deeply concerning American trade and American power. It is time we had an American foreign policy. We must have it. We cannot avoid it if we would. We have larger interests, and a greater stake in the world and its destiny, than every other people. We occupy the best portion a greater stake in the world and its destiny, than every other people. We occupy the best portion of a continent, with no neighbors but a colony, and a worn-out, anarchical despotism. We are the olny people whose own land, without colonial defendencies, is washed by the two great oceans of the world. Our agricultural productions are more varied and more essential to civilized life, and to numan progress—our mineral and manufacturing internal and foreign commerce more extended than those of any other people living under one government. A continent, to a great extent, un-explored and exhaustless in its yet hidden wealth explored and exhaustless in its yet hidden wealth is at our feet. European trade seeks the great East through avenues which are at our doors, or must be made through our own limits. Europe, Asia, Africa, and the isles of the sea, lying all around us, look to us as the rising power, through the agency of whose example, and ever widening and extending, though peaceful influences, the bless ings of liberty, civilization, and religion, are destined to triumph over the barbarism and superstition of the millions of the world. And shall such a people refuse to lay hold upon their destiny, and act upon the high mission to which it is called? A mission so full of hope, though so laden with responsibility, which, if properly directed, must make our confederacy the harbinger of peace to the world, as well as the peaceful arbiter of its destiny. estiny.

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